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Today are the sugar workers, teachers and health workers of Zimbabwe the ones standing up

Let's coordinate and unite the forces of the workers movement to stop the attacks of this repressor and hunger government on behalf of Anglo American and other TNCs!



Demonstration of teachers in Harare

More than 16,000 workers in Zimbabwe went on strike demanding higher wages against employers of slave South African sugar company Tongaat Hulett. This company has vast sugar plantations, sugar mills and processors Hippo Valley in southeastern Zimbabwe. Today workers in sugar cane plantations are paid a minimum wage of

\$170 per month (about 2380R) and are calling for an increase of \$300 (R4.200), which the bosses refuses absolutely.

While the strike of workers in the sugar plantations goes on, teachers in Zimbabwe called for a day of action in the city of Harare on 04/01/2016. Tired of waiting to be paid their salaries and annual

bonus, between different labor unions and student as ZINASU (student union), PTUZ (progressive teachers union), ZIMTA (teachers' union), RTUZ (rural teachers union) among other organizations made the call to all organizations and workers who were struggling. These demands such as work for all, is the demand of the entire labor movement.

In their call they fight for immediately pay of the owed salaries and annual bonus received by municipal workers. They also condemned and rejected the pension deduction of 7.5% and for all civil servants to have a living wage. Since earlier this month also doctors and nurses went on strike for the same demands as well as better working conditions. This

was publicly declared by one of the health union leaders: "Many of the nurses were unable to even go to their work because of lack of money for the bus. Most of them (nurses and doctors) wanted to go to work as usual, but could not do it because they have no transport facilities and also stay in the places from which come without the basic amenities."

Teachers, along with health workers and the sugar workers, took the streets in Harare and paralyze the country's hospital system.

The government, with the just demands of the workers, did not hesitate and sent to the demonstration on 4-01 in Harare police forces to repress violently who were demonstrating.

The labor movement in Zimbabwe today continues the wave of strikes that lasted all through 2015, as was the struggle of civil servants in cities of Harare, Bulawayo, Gweru, Chinhoyi and Mutare against the dismissal law.

Students of Zimbabwe, and then the heroic strike of South African students, shook the southern continent against the increase in university and for free education. These fights tended to unify with the struggle of the labor movement for better working conditions and a decent wage. 12-12 various leftist organizations and leftist political parties in Zimbabwe was carried on an International Day of Struggle for political prisoners, persecuted workers



Demonstrations in Zimbabwe

and refugees as part of the situation that comes across throughout Zimbabwe

Enough! We cannot allow the government of Mugabe and other bosses' parties continue attacking the workers and exploited to pay for the crisis they caused!

We cannot fight divided anymore, our strength lies in unity. A single demand, one fight for the entire labor movement!

Yesterday rail workers, street vendors, civil servants and students fought in the streets, today again teachers and health workers.

All organizations that speak for the working class and their just demands should break with the government and the bourgeoisie which only starves us and dismiss us. Enough of the collaborationist union bureaucracy!

Let's take the fight in our hands, as the health workers and teachers are doing! It is necessary to win

grassroots assemblies in all factories, mines and workplaces of Zimbabwe! Let set up a Coordinator Committee of the workers in struggle, of unemployed workers, street vendors, railway workers, civil servants and those who fought in Gweru and the students!

Let's set up **student-worker Fighting National Committee! We must organize and prepare the General Strike now** for all our demands for education, health, housing and salary 1000USD (12.500R) for all workers!

Enough with Mugabe! We must defeat Mugabe's plan, employers and imperialism! We have to conquer a working plan to resolve the crisis. To end the barbarism and hardships imposed on us by those starving and repressive government of the oppressors, **For a revolutionary provisional government of workers and poor peasants!**

There are plenty of money, **expropriation without compensation**

and under workers' control of Anglo American, all transnational, the large landowners and banks! Sliding scale of wages and hours of work already! Decent work for all already!

Those who take all our riches are the bosses, imperialism and the government. Enough of rich black bourgeoisie in a sea of black slaves! **For the Socialist United States of Black Republics in central and southern Africa!** One fight, one demand, a single enemy throughout South Africa!

Out with Zuma and the ANC in South Africa, Mugabe of Zimbabwe and other governments lackeys of the transnational companies in the region! Enough with TNCs that rob our wealth! Out imperialism from Africa!

For a unified fight throughout the entire Southern Africa!

WIL from Zimbabwe

Four miners lost their lives in the mines of Marikana

THE RESPONSABLES ARE THE STATE AND THE TRANSNATIONAL COMPANIES

Last Friday (22-01-2016) four miners lost their lives in the platinum mine Impala Company near Rustenburg.

The fire broke out in the mine at shaft 14, and four workers were completely suffocated, seeking the emergency exit and then died. This is not the first case, and despite the lack of official figures, workers of all mines have denounced the terrible working conditions for which they are exposed. The imperialist companies in their uncontrollable thirst for profit leaves the miners under deplorable conditions causing even losing their life.

The reality is that all mines of the platinum belt whose capital is Rustenburg, are workers from all South Africa as well as immigrant workers from Lesotho and Botswana among others. These four comrades had left their families and loved ones to work in the mines. They were from the North West province.

The responsible for these deaths are the state, the Zuma's government of ANC-PC-COSATU followers of Apartheid and the imperialist transnational companies that plunder Africa. Murdererous bosses!

South Africa is one of



Marikana, 2012

the countries with the largest reserves of gold, platinum, diamonds, copper and other minerals. The bourgeoisie dismisses; "lower" the budgets, does not invest in machines and exploits the workers twice.

In 2012 when workers went on strike to claim for their wages, for 12.500R, the bosses and the government did not hesitate to send their police forces and kill in blood cold 34 miners in struggle. TODAY WE ARE IN FRONT OF A NEW CRIME!

For its part, the union bureaucracy of NUM said it was "*deeply concerned about these fatalities happening at Impala Platinum.*" They are required participants for the transnational companies to impose these deplorable working conditions and are directly responsible for the murder

of the 34 miners in 2012.

They are accomplices of the bosses! **Down with the collaborationist bureaucracy of the bosses!**

Only workers can guarantee our safety and we take care of our lives. **Let set up a Workers Safety Committee voted in assembly with full powers to stop production at any risky work!**

Out Imperialism from the entire Africa! Down with the Zuma's government and all governments lackeys of the imperialist transnational companies that plunder our nation and leave sufferings and hunger!

There is plenty of money to work in decent conditions and end our miseries: **Expropriation without compensation and under workers' control of all imperialist transnational companies and the**

mining! 12,500R for everyone now!

These four fallen comrades were from AMCU union, the leadership of AMCU has every right to call all the workers' and student organizations in South Africa to set up a **fighting national committee of all workers employed, unemployed and immigrants** who can confront the boss and government attack that they have launched it

Let's unite our demands!

Murderer bosses!

Out with the union bureaucracy!

We are all the four comrades fallen!

WIL from Zimbabwe and Fighting Committee of the Miners of Marikana (South Africa)

Long live the fight of the South African Students!

Facing a new attack of Zuma's government, thousands of students take the streets across the country. Days ago, students of University of Wits (Witwatersrand) in Johannesburg went to fight against the announced increase of fee by the university authorities to enroll for next year. The fee increase they wanted to impose is 10.5% and the initial registration fee in college by 6%, which is approximately 10,000 rand, such figures would leave thousands of students unable to continue their education or enter to university.

The rage of the student movement did not wait. On Monday students blocked in Empire St, preventing the movement of cars, and imposed the closure of Wits University. This soon was spread to the entire country. Today they are developing mass protests in different universities as in Rhodes University, Pretoria, UKZN, Fort Hare, CPUT, Free State University and others.

In the case of Cape Town, the students burned tires, occupied buildings and rose up barricades at the University of Cape Town. University authorities denounced the students in struggle against the boss justice with claimed illegal the struggle, sending police to suppress the demonstration. 23 students were ar-



Students and workers taking the streets against the government

rested. Facing this situation, more than 200 students, workers, lectures and university staff gathered in Rondebosch police station in solidarity with imprisoned students.

On 21/10, tens of thousands of students gathered outside Parliament, chanting slogans and waving free education, to protest against Education Minister, Blade Nzimande, against rising fees. Along with them, hundreds of teachers-lectures were supporting them. And again, the government and parliamentarians of this apartheid regime responded by sending police forces to repress, with tear gas and rubber bullets and taking dozens of people to jail.

**Down with tuition fee!
Free quality and Public
education!**

Let take the war cry of the Chilean students "edu-

cation first for the son of the workers, then education for the bourgeois son" and "free and public education funded with the re-nationalization without compensation and under workers' control of the copper."

Increased the education budget based on progressive taxes on large fortunes and the expropriation without compensation of the imperialist banks and mines!

To do this: it is necessary to conquer the worker-student unity. We must unite with the workers who can make this claim a reality, starting with Marikana heroic miners who are still demanding justice for the 34 comrades killed at the hands of the imperialist Anglo American mine companies which are sinking our education. **Worker-student National Committee to Fight! We must**

organize and prepare the general strike for all our demands for education, health, housing and wages of 12,500 rands for all workers!

Freedom to all the workers and student fighters in-jailed!

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For a unified fight throughout South Africa!

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With blockades, barricade fighting and imposing the closure of universities

ON SOUTH AFRICAN STREETS THE FIGHT OF THE CHILEAN STUDENTS FOR FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION IS RETAKEN

One single struggle of the Chilean and South African students against the transnational mining companies and their lackey governments!

Thousands of students have come out to fight in the entire South Africa fighting against the increase in the University tuitions. A huge ally of the Chilean student's movement has risen: the South African students who confront Zuma's government, agent of the very imperialist transnational companies such as Anglo American that plunder the minerals and steal the education away from the children of the working class and the exploited in South Africa as well as in Chile, stealing the copper while protected by Bachelet's government.

In there, they suppress and kill the workers, as they did with the Marikana miners, killing 34 comrades. Here, they killed Nelson Quichillao, while the jails of South Africa and Chile are filled with workers, students and peasants fighters. These are the servant governments of the transnational mining companies, agents of Wall Street and London City, guarded by the "red police"



Students against the police forces of South Africa

of South African CP and Chilean CP!

South African students show us the way forward. We have to stand together with them, to retake our fight for free public education financed by re-nationalizing the mines without compensation and under workers control. No more subordination of our fight to the rip-off dialogue tables with the parliament and the government! Down

with Bachelet's "reform" traps! Enough of collaborationist student bureaucrat leaders, continuity of Vallejos!

Let's impose assemblies in every militant school and university to stand together with the South African students. Besiege the South African embassy in Chile! Let's make all types of actions in support of the students in South Africa! Conquer a national

struggle plan and students strike in the country to fight together with them for the same demand of free public education against the imperialist transnational companies!

We are all South African students! We are all 43 high school students of Mexico! We are all rebel youth in Greek prisons incarcerated by Syriza!

Zuma's government imprisons over 140 students and workers for fighting

Today, over 140 students and workers were arrested inside the University of Johannesburg by police. It was sent by Zuma's government and university authorities. Their "felony"? Fight for free public education and fight side by side with the university workers to end with out-sourced jobs.



The South African police forces repressing the students

Now hundreds of students and workers are gathering in front of the police station at Brixton demanding the freedom of all comrades.

Zuma's government wants to give a lesson to the heroic student militant movement and the workers who all over South Africa started to stand up for their demands. They imposed to the exploited to step back in the increase of the university

fees. Together with the bosses' justice, which is servant of Anglo American –of those same judges who guarantee the impunity of the killers of Marikana miners-, imposed a restraining order preventing students from entering Johannesburg University facilities. Now they imprisoned hundreds of them, while they prepare to take several students to court, by accusing them of "treason".

Enough repressing, imprisoning and prosecuting those who fight! Freedom to all the imprisoned students and workers! Down with the fake charges against workers and students! Slaves' rebellion is not a felony, it is justice!

In order to conquer our demands: **National Struggle Committee of workers and students to organize and prepare the General Strike against Zuma's govern-**

ment and this regime that continues Apartheid's!

Free public education paid with the expropriation without compensation and under workers' control of all miners TNC's and bankers!

Self-defence committees of all workers and militant students' organizations to defend ourselves of the murderous police's repression!

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LONG LIVE THE SLAVES' UPRISING! THEY DON'T VOTE BECAUSE THEY HAVE REBELLED AGAINST HUNGER AND IMF AND CPITALISTS' ATTACK!

While not so far from Haiti, the Castro worms sell out Cuba to the capitalism and Obama.. saying "not everything of capitalism is bad and not everything of socialism is good". The exploited Haitians have rebelled once again confronting this capitalist system of hunger, death, oppression and barbarism and the puppet government of Yankees and the occupation regimen.

"Martelly must go!" "We are the government!" "Out the Minustah troops!"



On October 25 last year, the results of fraudulent elections in Haiti were 32.7% for the official candidate Jovenel Moise (the candidate of the current president Martelly) and 25,29% for the opposition Jude Celestin. According to this result, to resolve the elections it was necessary a second round of voting to be held in December. The second ballot was suspended due to a political crisis where the opposition and pro government forces accused each other of fraud.

The second ballot must be held this time- this was the second try- on January 24 but the opposition denied running for president leaving a political crisis open at the top. Those at the top fought each other and got divided and

through the breaches the masses burst out in a mass political struggle against the government, the fraud, hunger and especially the biggest "fraud": the evil occupation of murderous troops of UN (Minustah) disguised as humanitarian and peacefully when in fact by the bayonets they guarantee the worst famine, diseases, and misery for the Haitian masses.

Thus, during the day January 23, the Haitian masses with the youth without future at the head in Port Prince and in the vast majority of the neighbourhood all across the country they clashed against the police and the invaders UN troops. These UN troops are centrally formed by ghurka Bolivarian troops from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia and Uruguay, among others

under the command of USA and France.

Haiti is one of the most exploited and poorest countries in the world. Black workers suffering diseases like cholera, AIDS, poliomyelitis, and the worst of the illnesses: the chronic famine. A country transformed into a reservoir of slave workers. The afflictions of masses got even deeper after the earthquake taking place on January 12, 2010 causing the death of over 200.000 people. Even today, tens of thousands couldn't still recover their homes. The infrastructure of roads, electricity and water are almost inexistence. Under those conditions last year in January masses rebelled and made the Martelly government and occupation regime tremble. And today

under the same conditions we witness the exploited launch a new battle setting on fire the ballot boxes against the occupation regime and his lackeys.

Masses applying their revolutionary spontaneity linked the fight against the fraud with the struggle for bread and against the occupation carrying out an upheaval deepening even more the political crisis of those at the top that can no longer rule in the old way. Facing this revolutionary mass outburst, a third bourgeois faction commanded by the coupist Guy Philippe declared they are ready for the war against the “anarchists” who don’t want elections. Meanwhile USA warned they will not accept any violence on the part of the Haitian people.

Bastards! The Haitian masses obliged to eat mud, to bury their family in common graves, to suffer under an extreme poverty due to the imperialist plundering have the legitimacy and absolute right to get rebelled and upsurge with the same or even more violence with which they are deprived from bread and a decent life.

The conditions of misery, the lack of public health and job pushed masses to the revolutionary struggle against the capitalism that only offers death and subhuman life conditions. A struggle that poses the beginning of the Centro American revolution, that



marks a 180° angle against castrism, seller out of the socialist Cuba to Obama and imperialism when it is at the order of the day-today more than ever- to conquer new revolutionary Cubas of 1959 by expropriating the imperialism and his lackeys to give bread and the land to the exploited.

The black working class stood up and will stand up one and a thousand times but those scabs of socialism never will do so!

This fight has a great ally, the US brothers, whose most exploited layers the black and Latin workers get organized and fight for the demand 15 dollars an hour.

\$15 dollars an hour for all the Haitian workers, Dominican Republic, Martinique, Cuba, the entire Centro America and Mexico! Out the UN troops! Down with Martelly! Open the revolution! For a worker and peasant government based on the self-organized organs of masses and their armament! Down with the castrist bourgeoisie! Set up again the socialist republic in Cuba by expropriating the new Cuban bourgeoisie and the imperialism!

For a Federation of Sovietic Republics of Centro America and the Caribbean!

